

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheet for the sheet containing Figs. 7A, 7B and 8 of the drawings as originally filed. These figures have been labeled prior art.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The title of the invention has been revised and minor amendments have been made to the substitute specification, as required.

Figs. 7A, 7B, and 8 have been labeled "Prior Art" to overcome the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4-6 is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-3 and 7-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of Claims 4-6. Claims 4 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form, with Claim 6 remaining dependent from Claim 5. The claim language has also been editorially revised for clarity, and to better conform with U.S. practice. Accordingly, Claims 4-6 should now be allowed.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.


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has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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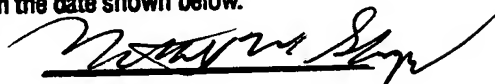
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